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SUBJECT: IEA; SWISS VIEWS RE LONG-TERM COOPERATION AND PRE-
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PARATION OF PRODUCER/CONSUMER DIALOGUE

REF: A) STATE 140564; B) STATE 142529; C) BERN 1985

1. SWISS GOVERNING BOARD REP (LANGUETIN) INDICATED TO EMBOFFS JUNE 18 THAT GOS HAS NO PROBLEM WITH USG VIEWS (PARA 5 REFTEL A) RE STEPS TOWARD AGREEMENT ON IEA LONG-TERM PROGRAM.

2. LANGUETIN SAID SWISS FULLY AGREE THAT COORDINATION OF PREPARATIONS FOR RESUMED PRODUCER/CONSUMER DIALOGUE SHOULD TAKE PLACE WITHIN IEA. HOWEVER, HE OBVIOUSLY WAS NOT ENTIRELY RECONCILED TO OUTCOME OF JUNE 11 GB DISCUSSION FAVORING RESUMED PREPCON IN SAME FORMAT (REFTEL B). SWISS WOULD PREFER GROUP LARGER THAN FIRST PREPCON BUT SMALLER THAN PROPOSED 26/26 COUNTRY CONFERENCE TO REFLECT IN MORE REPRESENTATIVE WAY INTERESTS OF CONSUMER COUNTRIES AND TO MAKE IT MORE DIFFICULT FOR ALGERIA TO MAINTAIN LEADERSHIP ROLE. LANGUETIN ALSO FEELS THAT RESUMED PREPCON WILL NECESSARILY AGAIN DISCUSS SUBSTANCE AND THEREFORE THOROUGH PRIOR PREPARATIONS WITHIN IEA ARE ESSENTIAL.

3. SWISS ARE NOT YET SATISFIED THAT CONSUMERS HAVE REACHED CONSENSUS ON PRECISELY WHY THERE SHOULD BE A MULTILATERAL DIALOGUE AND WHAT SHOULD RESULT THEREFROM. THEY WELCOME CONNECTION BETWEEN ENERGY EFFORT AND BROADER QUESTIONS OF NORTH/SOUTH RELATIONS AND RAW MATERIALS BUT AS FIRST STEP THEY WONDER IF JOINT EFFORT SHOULD NOT STILL BE MADE BY INDUSTRIAL, DEVELOPING, AND PRODUCER COUNTRIES TO IDENTIFY CAUSES OF PRESENT WORLD ECONOMIC DISEQUILIBRIUM AND THEN TO SEEK CONSENSUS ON REMEDIES, PARTICULARLY BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY RELATING TO ENERGY. THEY VERY MUCH DOUBT THAT DIALOGUE PROCESS CAN OR SHOULD LEAD TO WRITTEN AGREEMENTS.

4. COMMENT: SWISS PLAN TO CONTINUE PRIOR JUNE 30-JULY 1 GB MEETING THEIR ACTIVE ROLE IN TRYING TO HELP SHAPE CONSUMER COUNTRY POSITIONS FOR P/C DIALOGUE. WHILE SWISS HAVE SOME DOUBTS RE PURPOSE AND TIMING OF DIALOGUE AND WOULD CLEARLY LIKE TO SEE INDUSTRIAL COUNTRY REPRESENTATION AT RESUMED PREPCON BROADENED TO INCLUDE REP FROM SMALLER COUNTRY IN ADDITION TO US, JAPAN, AND
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EC-9, WE EXPECT THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO IEA PREPARATIONS TO CONTINUE TO BE ESSENTIALLY POSITIVE AND COOPERATIVE.
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